Big job racket in Bharat Coking 'Coal Ltd.

928. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the. Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Big job racket in BCCL', which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated October 6, 1987; and

(b) if so, what arc the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegation made mainly is that large number of persons have got or sought employment in BCCL as SC/ST candidates on the basis of false certificates.

Bharat Coking Coal physically tested/ interviewed 5, 714 SC/ST candidates for recruitment, out of which 5, 118 were found fit and suitable. However, before giving them employment, their cases were referred to Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad to get the genuineness of their certificates in support of their belonging to SC/ST verified. On receipt of verification report, 2, 031 candidates were given employment. Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad has not cleared the remaining cases.

Out of Court settlement regarding compensation in Bhopal Gas Tragedy cases

929. SHRI CHAUTRANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Goveinment had tried for an out of court settlement regarding payment of compensation to the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) if so. what are the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether some eminent jurists have appealed to the Prime Minister not to give up the Itigation against the Union Carbide Corporation without proving the company's liability for the disaster; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (dj The Government has seen reports appearing in the press about such an appeal having been made by certain jurists. Attorneys lor Union of India as well as Union Carbide have been taking follow-up action on the directions given by the District Judge, Bhopal in regard to settlement of the suit against Union Carbide. The District Judge, Bhopal has fixed 18th November. 1987 for reporting the progress made in this regard.

Workers' participation in CIL management

930. SHRl CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is,) fact that Government have approved a Scheme for Workers' participation in the management of Coal India Limited; and

(b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THI- MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Workers' participation in the Management of Coal India Ltd. and its subsidiaries already exists at the colliery and area levels through the Joint Consultative Forums. To strengthen further the participative management, it has been decided to nominate -4 Directors on the Boards of Coal India Ltd. and each of its subsidiary coal companies to represent 4 categories of employees, namely, semi-skilled/unskilled workers, skilled workers, supervisory personnel and executives. The nominees for the Boards of subsidiary companies will be elected by the respective categories of employees who are in the regular service of the companies through secret ballot to be conducted by the Chief Labour Commissioner